

Shelter/NFI Working Group Meeting Minutes - 20 April 2016, UNHCR offices

Attendees: UNHCR, SP, NRC, HRC, MDM, CESRT, Souda Management

AOB topics added to be discussed at the end of the meeting

- A better distribution system must be in place now that we have populations staying long on the island. Look at distribution strategies / ways of marking PoCs who receive NFIs >> **ACTION POINT** from the previous meeting to be further discussed.
- Change of time of the weekly meeting.

What progress has been made on last week's action points?

- Group members to be added in what's app Shelter/NFI group to share relevant info. >> **Done.**
- Common Pipeline Google Spreadsheet to be shared among group members and be introduced among new members of the group >> **Done.**
- UNHCR to share statistics regarding NFIs distributed in 2016 >>> **Evita working on collecting/consolidating stats by relevant actors.**
- Representatives from the refugees could attend the meeting. >>> **Postponed: considered as not productive in the current blair context (concerns of dealing with no sectorial but general demands). Will ask for advise from CWC WG or invite the CWC Coordinator in the next WG meeting.**
- A draft TOR to be circulated >>> **Evita working on it.**
- Data base / mapping of the population in Souda and Dipethe >> **Will be ready before the end of the week.**

In terms of NFI's and Shelter, what plans are in place should Vial be emptied soon?

- Evita explained that FRS/Ministry/Police has a plan to release the ones who have extended the 25 days limit of detention. According to this, a part of Vial may stay a closed facility for the new/latest arrivals, while another part, probably Zone B, will be an open facility. We do not know when this will happen, probably in the next days, even maybe tomorrow. The released ones will not be allowed to leave the island.
- No other site is identified by Municipality at the moment.
- Souda management highlighted that if Vial opens, transportation of refugees must be arranged to and from downtown, so that PoCs are encouraged to stay in Vial and not downtown.

Currently, what difficulties do actors face that this group may help address?

- FRS being strict and denies with actors who want to distribute in Vial, especially volunteer teams. FRS keep promising they will do distributions but they do not have any actual plans for this. They want ready solutions. **ACTION POINT 1:** WG Coordinators to talk to FRS about access in Vial.
- Refugees do not know what each actor actually does - information in Souda about this is needed. **ACTION POINT 2:** SP will install billboard with this kind of info. NRC will do leaflet with relevant info.
- SP faced issues with other actors' staff who make remarks / criticize loudly during

distribution on the spot. Actors must address directly to person in charge their remarks or comments on what should be done / what is being done wrong, and not yell in front of the PoCs.

AOB:

Distribution system

- Fair distribution is what this WG should seek for: access to NFIs by everybody, no duplications. SP said that PoCs seem tired of the line system, as they stand in lines repeatedly – this has also created tensions. SP will try to do 3-4 lines at the same time in a limited area, so that distribution runs quicker, and then move to another area. CESRT stated they did targeted distribution of clothing in Souda/Dipethe and it was a success. Bazaar style distributions also considered to be effective by all attendees, provided that there is a) sufficient amount of items, so that not only first PoCs in line take the best items, and b) than time allocated for PoC groups to remain in the bazaar area in order to choose is limited and equal for all. Bracelet system is still effective (PoCs in Souda/Dipethe were given new bracelets on Monday SP reported), but WG should also look into solutions for a card system, or a booklet system. System must be the same for all kind of NFI distributions and for all actors. WG is looking forward for the result of the UNHCR/NRC mapping, so that targeted distributions can take place systematically – based on this mapping, WG will discuss and apply modalities. Vial is more problematic: there is no bracelet system anymore and mapping has not started yet (it will, subject to FRS' permission).

WG Meeting Time

- Time and place of next week meeting to be decided upon FRS' availability.

Other important points of the meeting

- For the moment, Souda/Dipethe PoCs are covered with clothing by CESRT – next clothing distribution could be in 2-3 weeks. NRC is now sorting out the clothing of the previous boutique and they will soon have summer clothing sorted and ready for distribution. WG will target for a massive joint clothing distribution, bazaar style, outside Vial area >> **ACTION POINT 3.**
- About items mostly needed/missing: CESRT has now **shampoo**, SP will soon have **shampoo** too (MDM hands out shampoo for lice, following the treatment protocol). **Underwear, razors** still in need, also reusable plastic/metal **glasses, towels, lotion for mosquito bites, water containers** and possibly in the future **kitchen kits / cooking pots** – the latter to be aligned with solutions for a recreational area where PoCs could cook in the future.
- NRC procured detergent for Vial, also washing stations – water problem in Vial need to be solved first.
- Drop in the Ocean distributed 600 flip-flops, while CESRT will give out 200 Crocs shoes.
- Dipethe will be cleaned due to scabies: all blankets will be taken back to be washed.
- Red Cross' tent in the Port may move to Souda to serve as quarantine – to be discussed with Souda management.